in Sanskrit literature and introduce them to the main current of India's cultural tradition mirrored in it. Doordarshan has recently introduced a weekly programme for 15 minutes in Sanskrit w.e.f. May 29, 1988. It is telecast on National Network in the morning transmission.

Wheat unfit for human consumption

1310. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the amounts of overall loses suffered by the Food Corporation of India due to the sub-standard wheat sent from U.P. (namely Naini, Jhansi and Orai) to Mangalore in the years 1984 and 1985; the details of the results of investigations and disciplinary action taken in this regard;

(b) the losses suffered by the FCI during each of the last three years and the current year due to various malpractices in purchases, storage and transit operations of Foodgrains including substandard purchases pilferage, shortage etc; and

(c) the disciplinary actions taken against persons responsible and of those present committed to criminal proceedings for punishment during this period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) According to Audit, the Food Corporation of India incurred a loss of about Rs. 46 lakhs on freight, demurrage, cleaning/upgradation etc. relating to sub-standard wheat despatched from depots at Naini, Orai and Jhansi in UP Region to Mangalore. The FCI has initiated disciplinary action against 8 employees relating to despatches from Naini to Mangalore, against 12 employees for despatches from Jhansi to Mangalore and against 6 employees for despatches from Orai to Mangalore.

(b) The transit and storage shortages of foodgrains incurred by the FCI for the years 1984-85 to 1986-87 are given below:—

Year	Purchase Sales (Lakh MT)	Shortage (Lakh MT)	% of shortage over purchase sales
1984-85	295.14	5.72	1.94
1985-86	368.40	5.95	1.62
1986-87	398.96	6.51	1.63

(c) FCI has proceeded departmentally against its employees for the years from 1985 to 1988 as indicated below:—

Year	Number of employees proceeded against
1985	609
1986	823
1987	654
1988 (up to May, 1988)	306

Foodgrains Production

1311. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the production of foodgrains during 1987-88, State wise and Union Territory-wise;

(b) to what extent each State/Union Territory has been able to achieve the targets fixed in this regard; and

(c) what specific steps were taken by Government to help the States to achieve the targetted production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI

SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The production of foodgrains, State-wise, during the year 1987-88 is given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below).

(b) The National foodgrains production target for 1987-88 was fixed at 160 million tonnes. In order to achieve the same only working targets were indicated to the States.

(c) The Government took the following steps to help the States in raising the production level:—

(i) Maximisation of productivity in assured areas such as irrigaed areas and rainfed areas with high rainfall;

(ii) Timely, easy and adequate supply of agricultural inputs, inclusive of imparting improved technology;

(iii) Increasing the coverage of area under high yielding varieties with proper plans for production and distribution of sufficient seeds;

(iv) Implementation of the National Programme on crops like Special Ri Production Programme in the Eastermn States, National Pulses Development Projects and other programmes on resource management through Small and Marginal Farmers Programmes an National Watershed Development Programme;

(v) Adoption of integrated plant protection measures;

(vi) Increasing the intensity of cropping through double, multiple and intercropping; and

(vii) Assuring remunerative prices for various food crops to the farmers and organisational support for sale of commodities at these prices.

Statement

Production of Foodgrains during 1987-88 (*Provisional*)

	(Lakh tonnes)
Andhra Pradesh	96.9
Assam	29.3
Bihar	93.7
Gujarat	11.6
Haryana	62.9
Himachal Pradesh	9.3
Jammu & Kashmir	9.3
Karnataka	59.0
Kerala	10.8
Madhya Pradesh	141 4
Maharashtra	109.4
Orissa	51.6
Punjab	170 1
Rajasthan	43.3
Tmail Nadu	75.8
Uttar Pradesh	280 2
West Bengal	99 0
Others	16 6
ALL INDIA :	1370.2

गोदामों में क्षतिग्रस्त हुआ अनाज

1312. **श्री शरद यादव :** क्या **खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकारी गोदामों में रखा चावल और गेहूं क्षतिग्रस्त हो गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो 1987-88 के दौरान कितनी मात्रा में अनाज क्षतिग्रस्त हुआ है ;

(ग) क्या भारतीय कृषकों और अर्थशास्त्रियों के आर्थिक दल ने इस सम्बन्ध में कोई रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत की है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसमें क्या सुझाव दिए गए हैं और इन सुझावों में से किन सुझावों को स्वीकार कर लिया गया है ?

खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री डी० एल० बैठा) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां। वर्षा, बाढ़ों, तूफानों